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Ghana, the Gateway to Africa



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SAWLA TUNA.....THE ORIGINAL HOMETOWN OF TINGARE/TIGALE/TIGARE DEITY



Many keen observers and serious students and practitioners of the Akan indigenous spirituality and religion are interested in learning about the original places where many of the deities and benevolent spirits are from. One of the deities that was originally a community deity in the Northern parts of Ghana but has become a national one because of its association with many traditional priests all across Ghana is Tigare



variously known as Tingale, Bofo) Tigale, etc.

On his website, an African American trained Tigare priest, Nana Ohene writes about Tigare as follows...

"Nana Tigare is a very powerful and popular deity from Northern Ghana... known for his "life and death" healing powers. Throughout the entire West Coast of Africa, Nana Tigare is praised for his skill and prowess in fighting against those who engage in evil practices

The meaning of Nana Tigare is "Everybody Will Go Free"."

Every Akan cultural practitioner knows that Tigare is from the North but the specific town or village is what is being debated about. While many say Bredi in the Brong Ahafo is the original town, some people also say Dromankese in the Nkronza North is the hometown. Another adherent recently posted Yipala. Others also say Sawla Tuna.

This post is to solicit your contributions to help us form an important informed knowledge of our great helper deity Nana Tigare.

Please share your knowledge and help create a culturally informed generation. What do you know about the original of Tigare???



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TRUE ORIGIN OF MEDUSA - THE LADY WITH THE SNAKE HAIR? OR DREADLOCKS?



Are you a movie fan? Have you watched the great magical movie called the Head of Medusa? Did you ever think of the origin of the story and how it has some connection to Africa?

Here is a story culled from a site called UNBIASED TALK.....that throw s light on the hair and how Medusa was reported to have had snakes as his/her hair. Interesting Read:

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Medusa, a real woman, was the Afrikan serpent-goddess said to have worn a pouch around her waist containing live snakes that represented wisdom and renewal. She was said to have carried the original Gorgon mask to frighten off the unskilled, and it was painted red to symbolize the power of menstrual blood with "gruesome glaring eyes, bared fanged teeth and, like the Hindu Goddess Kali, a protruding tongue" *Goddess Inspired*. Her name derived from Egyptian Maat (Truth) "which also gives us the words medicine, mathematics, and Sanskrit medha (female wisdom)". "The Gorgons were a trinity whose names were Medusa, Steino, and Eurayle- or Wisdom, Strength, and Universality". *Blacked Out through White Wash*



Afrikan cultures were unfamiliar to the people known as Europeans, and many of the Greek mythological creatures originate from Afrikan civilizations. The snake hair assessment, assuming these people (Greeks) did not know the name of the hairstyle, referred to it as snake hair later creating classic myths depicting a goddess that actually represented truth and was not a villain, into a monster, taught in schools as Greek mythology.

Snake hair and Dreadlocks?

The original, real life Medusa, supposedly had dreads and the origin of dreads through ancient discoveries existed before the fictional Medusa character was recreated. She was the snake Goddess which is how Europeans formed their version of a monster with hair of snakes, with a face that would turn any man to stone because of fear, which developed from the Gorgon mask she carried with her.

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WHAT IS BLOGGING? A NEW FORM OF JOURNALISM?



Ever wonder why most all of the teens today are addicted to the internet? Well it has everything a young exploring mind needs. From browsing the net for document researches, shopping, cooking, gaming, chat, and a whole bunch of stuff going inside a website's offer.

Yep, all of these including one secluded part of a teen's life which is their journal. Don't believe me? Then try hooking up on the internet now and see how much there is that is available today.

Aside from being a window for the readers to see what's on the author's mind, a blog lets him elaborate on facts or scribble out whatever idea that pops out his head. A blog is a simplified term for "web log"-a new generation medium for writing articles, essays, statements and the like.

It's usually composed of texts or sometimes pictures and multimedia topics. If you're tired of jotting down every single detail of your life's worth on paper, why not try the new fad of journalism which is blogging. Blogging literally means sharing a comment of life through the internet.

It is an up-to-date source. A sequence of events. A timeless exhibit of creativity and style. An outlet for one's self.

The popularity of blog comes in different areas. Anyone can write anything that comes out of his head. Whether a walk on a sunny day or a dip into California's wild waters, it serves as a diary and is readily updated. What's good about blogging is that it is not bounded by editing and is cheap.

The commercial velocity of a blog depends on a writer's instinct to create a worthy article. Either formative or informative, rational or irrational, for as long as the readers can visualize what the author has posted your blog's a hit.

Technical specialties and skills, not necessary. Publishing freedom, an advantage. All that is needed is for you to have a witty mind, a desire to share ideas and part of your story, and a bit of knowledge to toggle into the internet. Grammatical errors are welcome. No editors and publishing companies to please. Journalism without rules or guidelines to follow and what's best is that readers could post a comment or be inspired to write one too.

Blogging wouldn't be difficult if you have the right recipes. Not just a simple-text article, a blog may be enhanced or converted into other types like an audio blog or a video blog. Nowadays, blogs are more sophisticated and advanced. Element of a blog starts from a good and captivating headline down to the author's personal profile. Included herewith are the blog post, permalink (combined term for "permanent link"), and the reader's comments.

A friend of mine is a blogger. She would entertain herself by posting blogs on her web page. She told me that blogging is an advantage for her to speak up to the world of the things that's keeping her shut. And I quote, "I am an internet junkie. I am not a big fan of journalism or any kind of writing.

But it all changed when the blogging fever entered internet society. I appreciated it more when I felt everything that's written are real and not just a compulsory decoy to deliver information. Right then, I became a part of a bigger picture."

Trapped in a world of unwanted opinions, blogging is a benefit. But everything has its own consequences. Blogs are much harder to manage than that of the broadcast media. In politically sensitive issues, blogs can be considered as a political misfit. Results are triggered through suppression of bloggers and punishments were made. Another grave case is the issue of defamation and liability.

Nevertheless, blogging is still out there. So if you're the type who has the snap for writing, give blogging a shot. You never know how much it would contribute to the society and to your pockets.

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SHOULD SPIRITUALISTS HELP ARMED ROBBERS?



What would you do as a spiritualist if someone or group of people approach you with tempting monetary offer to consult your shrine for help to facilitate an armed robbery operation aka "operation"? The use of juju by armed robbers and other bad people in the society has been a matter of serious concern by many Ghanaians. Many of us are blaming some unscrupulous people who are not really trained spiritual people and are dragging the good name of the professionals into the mud. Our story today has been motivated by two stories from the Ghanaian Daily Guide which have something to do with armed robbery and possible spiritual link.



What can we do as a team or members of an association to educate some of our powerful spiritual workers in Ghana who are mostly lied to during consultations by these armed robbers? The question is shouldn't a genuine powerful spiritualist be able to tell after consulting his shrine to know the true intentions of his clients? Or can we speculate that the lure of monetary gains, dreams of owning big mansions and luxurious cars sometimes cloud their natural judgement and the ability to deliver exactly what the shrine tells them? Whatever reasons that we can all offer from reflecting on the above questions, we would like every reader to think about the proverbial Ghanaian adage "Good name is better than riches"...and that all the good spiritualists should have work ethics that are guided by honesty and truth. The deities, the ancestors and all the good spirits love to impact our communities in positive ways so we should carry on and do their bid.



It is time that spiritual workers on the continent collaborate with the Black Diaspora Spiritual networks to address some of the community challenges. We are appealing to the various African spiritual associations based on the continent to reach out to our brothers and sisters in the Diaspora to network for long lasting mutual benefits.



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Here are the stories:



A five-member armed robbery gang, including a woman, that attacked Bulisa Forex Bureau located at Tema Community One last February and made away with several foreign and local currencies, has been arrested by the Accra Regional Police Command.

The robbery gang also included twin brothers.

The police, in addition, arrested another set of robbers on the Dodowa-Accra road.

The first set of robbers comprised Sarpomaa Dora, 30, Frank Amagartse aka Olenge or Papa, 37, the leader and an ex-convict, Stanley Abeiku Sey aka Burger, 36, and twin brothers Dennis Laweh and Albert Laweh, both 27.

Frank was apparently released from prison in 2009 through the Justice for All Programme, after spending 10 years for robbing the Tema branch of the Agricultural Development Bank and Tema Harbour container.

The breakdown of money robbed from **the forex** bureau was GH¢212,291, \$63,705, £20,212, €30, CFA 8597, Naira 20,500, Canadian Dollar 1300, 220 Swiss Francs, 172 Cameroonian CFA, all totalling GH¢221,291.

The suspects, after sharing the booty, used the money to buy luxurious vehicles including Infiniti, Toyota Camry, and a **black Jeep**.

All the vehicles had been impounded by the police.

The police grabbed the robbers on Saturday June 8, 2013, at Tema around 6:00am upon a tip-off.

Briefing the media, DCOP Christian Tetteh Yohuno, the Accra Regional Police Commander, together with his deputy, ACP Timothy Yoosa Bonga, said the suspects robbed the forex bureau in broad daylight and made away with the cash on February 17, 2013.

He said suspect Frank Amagartse was a family friend to the owner of the forex bureau and knew most of their business transactions.

Two days prior to the robbery, the owner of the forex bureau went to the bank to withdraw an amount of GH¢42,000 with the intention of purchasing an articulated truck for his son.

This information was also known to suspect Frank Amagartse.

On February 16, 2013, the five met and hatched a plan to rob the forex bureau.

They then sent suspects Sarpomaa Dora and another woman yet-to-be-identified to the forex bureau to do their **survey**.

The two female suspects, under the pretext of changing huge Ghanaian cedis into Naira, enquired from the victim, the exchange rate, and the workforce currently at the forex bureau.

The victim then replied that they were only two working at the bureau and when the victim went on to request their money to change, the suspects said they would return later for the transaction and left.

On Sunday February 17, 2013, around 5:00pm, the gang stormed the forex bureau, attacked the two workers and robbed them of the money after which they speed off in a Nissan March taxi.

Investigations conducted by the police revealed that Frank recruited the four others to rob the victim.

Frank was also the brain behind the robbery activities recorded in Tema recently, according to the police boss.

Dodowa Juju Robbers

In a related development, the Accra Regional Police Command has also arrested five suspected armed robbers including a juju man for attempted robbery.

The five were Kwasi Addo, 26, Kwame Appiah aka Shamo, 37, Francis Ametodzi aka Sea Never Dry, the Juju man, 32, Besa Odonkor, 32, and Emmanuel Manortey aka Jara, 36.

The suspects, according to DCOP Yohuno, were grabbed by the police at a snap checkpoint on the Dodowa road.

Three double barrel locally made guns with nine **cartridges** were found on them.

The suspects, using a BMW saloon car with **registration** number GT 802W and a home-use Daihatsu vehicle with DV number plate, pulled up at the checkpoint from Dodowa direction around 8:00pm of June 7, 2013.

The demeanour of the occupants was suspicious so police thoroughly searched the vehicles and uncovered the items concealed in a small bag in the BMW vehicle.

The five suspects were immediately grabbed but the sixth person managed to escape.

Francis, who was driving the BMW, claimed ownership of two of the pistols and the nine cartridges while Besa Odonkor also claimed ownership of the double barrel locally made gun.

During interrogation, the suspects confessed that they were engaged by the sixth suspect now at large, to Pantang near Accra from Somanya to rob his boss, a white man whom they claimed had huge sums of money in his residence.

The suspects said the sixth person had a rendezvous at Francis' house in Somanya where his shrine was consequently consulted.

The green light was given to the suspects by the juju man so they made the move but unfortunately they were grabbed.

Attempts are being made to arrest the sixth suspect whose name is being withheld by the police for now, he added.

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PHOTOS FROM DANCE AFRICA 2013 IN BROOKLYN NEW YORK II



Dear Nananom,

As we promised you, these are some of the photos our team captured during the recently held DANCE AFRICA 2013. This is part of our efforts at documenting Black Community events and sharing them with our people on the continent and those non-New York residents.



We hope you enjoy all of them.



OH YES, THEY SELL NKUTO (SHEA BUTTER) IN AMERICA. CONTINENTAL AFRICANS NEED TO START USING NATURAL PRODUCTS AND STOP USING CHEMICALS IMPORTED FROM THE WEST.



LOVE TO DANCE?



RURAL AFRICANS ARE NON-LITERATE PEOPLE.....OUR STORIES ARE OLD THROUGH OUR ARTS AND CRAFTS





THANKS WE HOPE U HAVE ENJOYED THE MARKET SCENE AT THE DANCE AFRICA 2013.

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